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SUBJECT: Turkmenistan Condemns North Korea

Refs: A) Ashgabat 1066, B) State 169418

¶1. (U) Subsequent to reftel A report on interaction with Government of Turkmenistan authorities on the North Korean nuclear situation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs notified the Embassy October 11 of its release of a "statement in the mass media on the issue contained in the mentioned [diplomatic] note of the Embassy." Begin text of media statement:

"Turkmenistan joins the international community and condemns North Korea's actions related to conducting the nuclear weapon test.

In this regard, Turkmenistan supports the UN Security Council's efforts on preparing a corresponding resolution.

Turkmenistan, being a participant of the fundamental international norms in the sphere of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, strictly carries out its obligations and will undertake all necessary measures for their further observance."

End text.

Comment

¶2. (SBU) The MFA statement seems to mirror the three final paragraphs contained in reftel B points. Turkmenistan's quick reaction on the North Korean nuclear program stands in sharp contrast with its silence on the nuclear activities of its more imminently threatening neighbor to the south, Iran. End Comment.

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